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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**APPLICANT:**

Guy L. Clifton

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 3732

SERIAL NO.: 10/068,221

§ EXAMINER: David C. Comstock

FILED: February 6, 2002

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FOR: *Retractor And/Or Distractor
For Anterior Cervical Fusion*

§ ATTY DOCKET NO.: 26060/06

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
MAIL STOP RESPONSES
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action of December 24, 2003, the following
Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted.

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